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To the Author of the Weekly Journal.

SIR,

MAny Years ago I thought it my Duty to bend my Studies to the Good of my Fellow Creatures, and very early I applied my Mind to improve ſome Science that might be of Uſe to Mankind.

I believed the Science of *Phyſiognomy* was not arrived at that Height, but it was poſſible to add to it; and tho' it had been exploded by the Ignorant, yet I believed it was poſſible to ſettle it on a ſtrong Baſis, and to judge by Rules as certain and poſitive as thoſe we generally receive from the *Royal Society*. So having attempted it, I can now without Vanity aſſure you, *Sir*, my Labour has not been in vain; and I am ready, when call'd upon, to deliver as certain and infallible Rules and Maxims for underſtanding this Science, as even the moſt skilful *Decypherers* can for the Knowledge of their Art: And tho' ſome Gentlemen are baſe enough to ſuggeſt that I deal with the *Devil*, and keep a cloſe Correſpondence with the *Pope*, yet I aſſure you my Art is very innocent, and I act by Rules poſitive, indiſputable and honeſt.

The Secrets of moſt Sciences are not eaſily comprehended by the Ignorant, who often believe we hold an infernal Correſpondence, when what we the *Adepts* do, is eaſy with us, without the leaſt Conjuration. I appeal to Mr. *Fawkes*.

But to leave this Digreſſion, and come to Fact: I am come to that Height of Knowledde in this Science, with the Help of a little *Surgery*, that I can judge of the Intellects of any Perſon at the Diſtance of 30 Feet. I can at firſt Glimpſe, diſtinguiſh between a *Knave* and a *Fool*, between a *Patriot* and a *Politician*, between a *Courtier* and an *Exciſeman*, between a *Pimp* and a *Cuſtomhouſe Officer*, or between a *Gameſter* and a *Senator*. This is of great Uſe to me, and hinders my committing Blunders in my Addreſſes to Men of Figure.

But, *Sir*, tho' with great Study, Induſtry and Coſt, I acquir'd this Knowledge, I think it my Duty to communicate my Art to my Fellow-Chriſtians; and not, like the Tribe of *Projectors*, conſider my ſelf *a great deal*, and the Publick *a little*. I freely own, I ought, without any Proſpect of Gain, do Service to the Public, without conſidering my dear ſelf: What Hurt from Perſons in high Poſts, from Gentlemen with great Penſions, or how Courtiers or Prime Miniſters may reliſh it, I value not. 'Tis ſufficient I do Good to my Fellow ſubjects.

But before I open my Budget of ſecret Knowledge, I would take your Advice, to let me know what may happen on my divulging theſe Secrets; If you think a Mulct be laid on of 100 l. or a Year's Impriſonment, or that I muſt find Security for the reſt of my Life, I ſhall e'en keep my Knowledge to my ſelf, and bewail Mankind's Loſs herein.

But to ſatisfy you of the Truth of what I write I ſhall only relate one Fact, that I'm ready to prove by many living Evidences of unqueſtionable Authority, and leave you to judge if I am an ignorant Pretender.

Some time ago, in my way to Buckingham-houſe, paſſing thro' the Mall, a Buzz flew about, that Sir .... was coming in a Chariot; immediately all was in Diſorder, and every one prepared to put himſelf in a Poſture of Worſhip and Adoration: For my part, I ſoon had my Eye in the Chariot, and at the Diſtance of 20 Yards, I perceived a huge and unweildy lazy Fellow, lolling and grinning at his Eaſe: At firſt I ſuppoſed him to be, at leaſt, the Keeper of the Lions, and could not eaſily conceive, why People ſhould cringe in that abject Manner to the *Man Brute*, who took no Notice of the kind and mean Salutations paid him. But as I recollected, that my Countrymen were famous in Hiſtory for Gratitude, ſo I ſuppoſed their preſent Reſpects were paid for the Care he might have of the young Whelps in the Tower; but not being certain who the mounted Grinner might be, I thought I was not bound to pay my Reſpects. But I immediately ſurveyed his *Phyſiognomy, ſecundum artem*; where I diſcovered *Pride, great Aſſurance, much Arrogance*, an immenſe Quantity of *Self-love*, no ſmall Share of *Avarice*, with its Attendant *Ambition*, all writ in his Face; and to tell you the Truth, I ſaw

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some Signs of a *violent Death* there; and if my Art does not deceive me, it will be a *Dry Death* too: I think he is in Danger of going up Stairs out of the World; for which Reason, I did not even move my Hat.

The Chariot had hardly paſs'd, when a moſt impudent Coxcomb accoſted me with *a Damnie, Sir*, what do you mean? What! is your naſty Hat tied ſo faſt to your Noddle, that the greateſt Knight cannot move it? An't you a Papiſt, a Jeſuite in Diſguiſe, a diſaffected Raſcal, hir'd by the Imperialiſts, one of thoſe that made a Clamour about *Dunkirk*? I was not a little diſordered at this Salutation, but immediately applied my ſelf to my *Art*; and found young Pert had married the Grinner's Cook-maid's Firſt Couſin by the Mother; I found he had a Place of 700 l. per annum in the---- and accordingly told him, whatever his Pretenſions were, he had received more than he deſerved. I aſſured him, that tho' he could bully in the Mall, yet he was a very *contented Cuckhold* at home. He ſuſpected me for a Conjurer, and retired with Precipitation.

Thus my *Art* diſengaged me from a Quarrel: And if you, *Sir*, approve this Art and Science, inſert this in your next, and you'll ſoon hear further from,

SIR,

Your very humble Servant.

THO. SQUINT.

Wye's Letter Verbatim, London, July 28.

Since our laſt arrived a Mail from Holland, one from France, and one from Flanders.

THE next foreign Mails are impatiently expected, to know whether any Thing is to be done this Year in the Expedition to Italy; for which ſuch great Preparations have been made by the Allies of Seville, that 'twas hoped they would have induced the Emperor to a Compliance; but inſtead of that, he has now got a very powerful Army in Italy, and ſo poſted all along the Coaſts of that Country, as, in the Opinion of many, to render the ſaid Expedition extremely difficult, if not impracticable.

Mean time we are now aſſured, that Orders are ſent to Ireland to ſhip off the Regiments there from Cork, which are deſigned for the Italian Expedition. There's no Account of the Dutch Squadron being yet come to Spithead.

To day the Right Honourable Sir Robert Walpole came to Town from Windſor, to hold a Board of Treaſury. This great Miniſter continues indefatigable in his Endeavours for an Accommodation with the Emperor: To which End Cardinal de Fleury, Prime Miniſter of France, is no leſs aſſiduous; and we hear his Excellency, to diſſwade the Princes of the Blood againſt a War, repreſented to them the Uncertainty of depending upon the Goodneſs of their Troops, and that if they had a War with the Emperor in Germany, they could not expect the Aſſiſtance of Great Britain.

P. S. The Advices by the Holland Mail relate, That the Warlike Preparations in the Empire, as well as Italy, were ſtill very great, and that Orders were given for the Troops deſigned for the Emperor's Service to be ready to march. However, it is believed that ſome Expedient will be found out for accommodating Matters with his Imperial Majeſty. That the Spaniards have ſtill a great Fleet in Barcelona, and a numerous Army encampt near it. That the Bridge for the Embarkation of their Cannon and Cavalry was almoſt finiſhed, and 'twas reported they would make a Deſcent in Sicily. That the King of Pruſſia arrived at Anſpach the 21ſt paſt, accompanied by Count Seckendorf Miniſter of the Emperor.

Mean time, 'tis reported that Count Degenfield, who arrived here laſt Saturday Night at Greenwich from Holland, and who Yeſterday went to Windſor to wait on his Majeſty, who has full Power from the King of Pruſſia to negociate the double Marriages which have been ſo much talk'd of between the two Courts.

Yeſterday two of the South Sea Company's Ships arrived from Greenland, and each of them brought three Whales; they give no other Account of the reſt than that two of them had caught a Whale apiece, and two more had one Whale between them; but 'tis believed it will appear upon the whole to be a good Voyage. We don't hear that the two Ships which ſailed to St. David's Streights, ſix Weeks before thoſe that went for Greenland, are yet arrived.

We hear that one of the Super-cargoes of the four China Ships formerly mentioned, was recommended by Sir Gilbert Heathcote, who upon hearing the Charge laid againſt them, declared, that when he recommended him, he believed him to be a Man of the utmoſt Integrity: However, if the con-

contrary appeared, he wiſhed for the Sake of Juſtice to ſee him have exemplary Puniſhment.

The Stocks are riſen, viz. S. S. 104. Ditto Annuities 107. Bank 142, 1 half, and India 185 without the Dividend, which ſome attribute to the Proſpect of an Accommodation with the Emperor, and others to the great Quantity of Money which is to be ſoon paid in Dividends, and 300,000 L. which is paid off in victualling Bills, and the Million of the Principal of South Sea Stock.

From the Evening Poſts, July 28

Cazalla, (in Spain) July 7. Sunday laſt Mr. Keene received an Expreſs from England, with the King his Maſter's Ratification of the Seville Treaty, to be exchanged againſt thoſe of France and Spain. At the ſame time, he received the Inſtrument appointing him Firſt Commiſſary for ſettling all the Claims of the Engliſh Merchants, purſuant to the ſaid Treaty: But we hear not of any Commiſſaries appointed on the part of our Crown for that Purpoſe. Mr. Keene has lately made freſh Complaints againſt the Inſults and new Exactions practiſed on the Ships of his Nation both in Europe and in America.

Hague, Aug. 1. Letters from Berlin give a melancholly Account of the entire Deſtruction of the Corn-fields and Meadows for ſome Miles together in the New Marquiſate and in Vandalia by Myriads of Graſhoppers. What they tell us of their ſwimming over the River Oder, is almoſt incredible. But whenceſoever they came, they were got within a few Leagues of the King's Hunting houſe of Wuſterhauſen. They made ſad Work in their way, which they ſay was in 4 or 5 Columns, leaving neither Ear of Corn nor Blade of Graſs. Thus the Farmers are half-diſtracted, having in one Night loſt the Proſpect of one of the fineſt Cropts they ever had. But this is not all: Theſe adventurous Inſects attack the very Houſes, and rummage every Corner; and tho' the People kill Millions and bury them, they cannot be miſſed in the Heaps that ſwarm there. We hope the Rains have waſhed away theſe terrible Gueſts.

Hanover, July 28. There has been newly diſcovered in our Neighbbourhood a ſort of Pitch, which they give out has a marvellous Virtue, particularly againſt the Gout, by healing radically the Parts affected. They are hard at Work on the Fortifications of this Electorate.

Vienna, July 20. Count Merci has writ to Court, that he had been at Florence to confer with the Grand Duke, who declared to him, That in caſe any Spaniards or other Troops attempted to enter his Eſtates, he would receive Imperial Troops into his Fortreſſes. The Emperor has referred the Affair of the D. of Mecklemburg to the Deciſion of the General Diet of the Empire, and given Orders to his Commiſſaries at Ratisbon to inſiſt ſtrenuoſly with the ſeveral Colleges to determine it with all Speed.

The Appearance of an Accommodation between his Imperial Majeſty and the Seville Allies begins to diminiſh, upon the Receipt of a Courier from Paris with Advice, That the Seville Allies inſiſted upon the Succeſſion of Don Carlos to the Dutchy of Tuſcany, after the Demiſe of the preſent Great Duke, ſo that it is uncertain what Turn Affairs will take in Europe.

Hamburg, July 28. According to ſome Letters from Mecklemburg, another Skirmiſh hath happened; a great Party of Boors having attacked ſome Hanoverians, who being too weak, retreated; but it was expected they would ſoon be reinforced, to repell them.

'Tis ſaid his Poliſh Majeſty has offered the Emperor a Supply of Men, both Horſe and Foot, in caſe of a Rupture; and that he deſign'd to go to Poland the Beginning of October, to hold the General Diet.

Rome, July 15. The expected Courier arriving on Sunday from Vienna, the Cardinals in the Emperor's Intereſt, and thoſe in the late Pope's, joined all the other Cardinals in the Election of Cardinal Corſini. The next Day Sigr. Alberti, Governor of the Conclave, went by Order of the Sacred College, with the greateſt Ceremony, to carry this News to the Chevalier de St. George and to the Princeſs Sobieski his Spouſe. The 2d Son of the ſaid Chevalier is taken ill of the Small Pox.

London, July 28. His Excellency Stephen Pointz, Eſq; has Orders to continue at Paris: And a German Gentleman, who had the Care of his R. Highneſs the Prince of Wales at Hanover, is ſent for over hither, to be Governor to his Highneſs the Duke.

Mr. Barkenſwaintz, who had the Care of his Majeſty's Horſes at Hanover, is made Clerk of the Stables to the Queen, with a Salary of 200 per annum.

On *Sunday* Charles Withers, Eſq; who directs the Levelling of Windſor Foreſt, reported to their Ma-

Majesties, thot the Soldiers had since Tuesday last levelled about 40 Miles. There are 3 Camps in the Forest; and the King has given a Buck to the Officers of each Camp.

Edinburgh, August 3. Whereas it was said in "the *Mercury* the 27th of last Month, "That an "Englishman a Quaker had renounced the Extra- "vagancies of that Profession, and was baptised a "Member of the Church of England." These are therefore to inform the publick, that after the Quakers seeing the above Paragraph, made Enquiry about the aforesaid Person, and they find, that although he hath resided above twelve Months near this City, he neither joined with them in any respect, nor to their Knowledge ever came to their Meeting, or made any Profession that Way.

JO. CORSTORPHEN.

Tomorrow (the 2d Day of the Moon) 'tis High Water at *Leith* at 3 o' Clock, 51 Min. Wednesday, at 4, 39 Min. Thursday, at 5, 27 Min.

Haddington, July 31, 1730.

Best Wheat, 07 00 00.	2d, 06 16 00.	3d, 06 10 00
Best Bear, 05 12 00.	2d, 05 08 00.	3d, 05 04 00
Best Oats, 05 04 00.	2d, 05 00 00.	3d, 04 16 00
Best Pease, 04 10 00.	2d, 04 00 00.	3d, 03 18 00

ADVERTISEMENTS.

†† That the Lands of GRANGE OF BARRIE, with the Mannor-house, Teinds and Pertinents, lying in the Parish of Barrie and Sheriffdom of Forfar, 6 Miles from Dundee, and the same Distance from Aberbrothock, holding of the CROWN for Payment of *L.* 07 04 00 yearly, as a Proportion of the Blanche duty payable for the Lordship of Balmerino; being of neat yearly Rent, 34 Bolls 2 Firlots Bear, 18 Bolls 2 Firlots Oat Meal, and *L.* 334 06 00 Scots of Money, besides 48 Poultrey not rentall'd: ARE to be exposed to Sale by voluntary Roup, in Scots Coffeehouse in Dundee, upon Wednesday the 26th of August Inst. betwixt the Hours of 2 & 4 after Noon. The Progress and Rental, with the Conditions of Roup, are to be seen in the Hands of DAVID BRISBANE Writer in Dundee.

¶¶ That the Tenements of Land after mention'd, which belonged to the deceast ROBERT STARK Writer in Edinburgh, viz. The 2d Storey of a Tenement of Land, with a Cellar belonging thereto, lying in the Back of Bess-wynd, paying of yearly Rent, *L.* 06 13 04 sterl. And the 2d, 4th, 5th, and Top Stories of a Tenement of Land in Stewart's Close, near the Cross, with Cellars and Garrets, being all of yearly Rent, *L.* 22 15 00 sterl. Are to be exposed to voluntar Ropp and Sale (jointly or in different Stories, as Purchasers shall desire) upon the Fourth Day of August Inst. at 3 in the Afternoon, within the House of Ms. Simson at the Head of Bess wynd. The Rental, Progress, and Conditions of Roup to be seen in the Hands of ADAM MERCER Writer in Edinburgh, in his House at the Head of Liberton's Wynd. And the haill Creditors of the said Robert Stark are desir'd to meet at said Ms. Simson's House This Afternoon at 3 o'Clock, about some Things of Importance that concern them.

††† Stoln or Strayed out of the Parks at Houston-Sharp in Linlithgow shire, on the Night betwixt the 21st & 22d July past, a BAY GELDING, 8 Years old, about 16 Hands high, with 3 white Feet, black Tail and Mane, and a Star in his Forehead; a Lump on the In-side of each Thigh of his hinder Legs, occasioned by his being rouled there last Winter: And at the same time, a Black MARE, near the same Height, 11 Years old, with 4 white Feet, having a Want in the Hoof of the near hind one. Whoever can give notice of this Horse and Mare, so as they may be recovered, are desir'd to call at the Laigh Coffeehouse, in Edinburgh; or at the Gentleman, at his House in the Country; and they shall be handsomely rewarded.

By ADJOURNMENT:

¶¶ That the Lands of *Easter-Harburnhead*, of *L.* 538, 06, 08 Scots of yearly Rent, with a convenient Dwelling House two Storeys high, with good and convenient Office houses, all lately repaired, and some planted litle Inclosures. The Lands of *Wester-Harburnhead*, *L.* 266 13 04 *Middle-Muir*. *L.* 72 13 04; 16 Bolls Meal; lying contiguous. The Lands of *Dresselrig* and *Sandiegate*, *L.* 109 Money, 10 Bolls Meal, 1 Boll Oats; a Pendicle thereof call'd *Backstonfoord*, *L.* 26 06 08 Money; 4 Bolls Meal. The Lands of *Well heads* of *Williamston*, *L.* 191 02 04 Money, 10 Bolls Meal, yearly Rent; all lying in the Parishes of Mid and West Calders, and Sheriffdom of Edinburgh; all set to good and sufficient Tenants, at the above Rent, conform to Tacks. To be holden Feu of the Crown, or of the Right Honourable the Lord of Torphichen: ARE to be Rouped and Sold upon the SEVENTH Day of AUGUST Inst. in the House of Robert Broun Vintner in Edinburgh, betwixt the Hours of 3 & 4 after Noon, jointly or separately, as hereto subjoined, in four different Parcels; and to be set up at easy Rates. The Rental, Progress, and the Conditions of Roup, are to be seen in the Hands of JAMES SCOT Writer in Edinburgh, at his House in Byres's Close, or George Dick Writer in Mid-Calder. *Nota.* The Lands are very improvable, being partly Muir and partly Dale-Lands; a Slate Quarey in the Lands of Easter Harburnhead, Moss in several of the Mailings, and a Lime Quarey in Backstonefoord; and lying near to several Coal heughs:

1. *Easter-Harburnhead* and *Middlemuir*.
2. *Wester-Harburnhead*.
3. *Wellheadlands* of *Williamston*.
4. *Dresselrig*, *Sandygate* and *Backstonford*.

Nota. If any Person has a-mind to purchase upon reasonable Terms, before the Day of Roup, they may enquire at the said *James Scot*, or *George Dick*; at both which Places they may be treated with. And the Lands are to be set up at Twenty Two Years Purchase.

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